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But yet there is a curse on this State; the the Democratic yoke, and all sensible, good people want to throw it off. Under Republican rule any one could ride according to the fare paid—that is if your bought a first class ticket you could ride in the first class coach. Not so now. The authorities refuse to sell any other than first class tickets, but do not permit colored people to ride in the first class coach. On the Florida Central railroad running between Jacksonville and Lake City no man or woman of color is allowed to ride in any other than what they call the "Nigger car." but if they called it the dirty car, you would know what it really is. A respectable colored man holding in his hand a first class ticket boarded a decent coach, or what they style "the white folk's car," and was seized by conductor assisted by three other men, and ruthlessly ejected therefrom. This road is said to belong to Georgia, and that the Georgia idea that "the Negro has no legal rights" must be carried out in Florida. The gentleman thus outraged promised to make it interesting for the Florida Central, if there be any virtue in the Civil Rights Bill.

Politics are quiet here. The most anomalous condition of things prevails down here. The people seem to favor the nomination of General Wm M. Ledwith for governor, and the politicians are advocating some lady else. The question now is, which should yield to the wishes of the other? The agitation of the ticket has caused many to lose sight of the Presidential nomination.

The people down here are determined that they will force no candidate upon the North and that the most popular man there will get their support. This State is solid for neither of the candidates before the country, and it is safe to say that each has some friends here, and will have at Chicago, June 2nd.

Very truly yours,

FLORIDIAN.

MARIANNA, FLA., *April*, 16th, 1880.

From the Metropolis.

NEW YORK *April* 15th, 1880.

MY DEAR GRAND-MA:

The entertainment that I wrote you about to be given by the St. Phillip's Musical Association took place on Friday evening April 9th, and was attended by a very large audience, including the big guns and small guns. It was a great success financially, but Granie the Musical and Dramatic part I'll never tell you. The new Nat'l Anthem, "Columbia" by P. S. Gilmore was sung by the boy choir of St. Phillip's P. E. church and sung it was. A recitation "The High Tide," by a Miss M. R. Lyons was a regular farce, Rob tells me this lady has a reputation as a good reader, but she failed to impress me as one, on this occasion. Mr. E. B. Wright in Dutch character, and recitation, "Mygel Sneider's Barty," was very good and as I heard a lady say that sat near me, "He'd do well to stick to Dutch"—that is what I think. A Violin Solo by August Wolff was middling, Miss Emma Magnan sang the same way she did when we saw her four years ago, and you remember that. However her friends did not forget and present her with two handsome boquets, Mr. David F. Nelson of P. O. fame recited "Zulu Freedom" to the entire satisfaction of the audience who gave him a hearty encore, he then recited "He is tired out" in a very creditable manner and was presented with two beautiful boquets. Mr. Burr Edwards, a very fine baritone singer, sang a solo which was well received. Sullivan's "Hush Thee my Baby" was sung by a quartette. Well Grangie the way it was sung, I am more than afraid that no baby would ever kept quite; the second part was a farce entitled "The Widow's Victims." It was poorly presented, a part of the actors and actresses seemed to be thinking about something else and not their part, however Miss Frankie Robinson nobly acquitted herself and deserved all the applause she received from the enthusiaic audience present. Mr. E. B. Wright was fair in his character of Jeremiah Clip and ranted as much as they tell me they used to do in the old Bowery Theatre in days gone bye. In his impersonations of actors he was good with the exception of Edwin Booth as Hamlet, I may say of him Grannie as a man once said of Chas. Rogers an impersonator of different actors when asked in reference to Mr. Roger's impersonation of Edwin Booth as Hamlet he quietly replied "The Hamlet was all right but the Booth wasn't there. The other characters were by Miss Blanche D. Washington, Miss Mary Matthews, Messrs. Chas E. Claggett and Pierre Barguett. After the performance was over the quilts were drawn for by Mr. R. Braxton of this city, and Prof. Chas. Dorsey of Brooklyn, New York.

Not too much praise can be given to the association as Rob tells me that they left no stone unturned to make it a success, however they must try and find better artists the next time without they get them as cheap as they got these, of course that makes a big difference.

Grannie, I did not find so much high-toned conversation among the ladies Rob introduced me to (the elderly ones especially). Their tongues seemed to give the old Eastern shore style, mostly the other side of Mason and Dixon's Line, but they were very kind to me—why I don't know, but Rob told me on my way home and some time I'll write and tell you all about it.

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In conversation the other day with one of the most prominent citizens of Indianapolis, a gentlemen not even actively identified with politics, we learned some facts that certainly do great credit to our noble Exodusters, and at the same time furnish incontrovertible evidence that they are just the sort of men Indiana needs. The gentleman informed us that a prominent Indianapolis banker told him that during the last winter when our city was thronged with these unfortunate and destitute refugees, he loaned to a number of them various small sums of money, ranging from $5 to $25, taking as a pledge their simple promise to replace the money as soon as they could get some employment which would enable them to "scrape it together." The majority have already replaced the money. Some who are too far away have sent the money by mail in small sums, others have walked long distances from the country bringing $2 or $3 at a time. One who owed $7 sent a letter last week stating that he had the money all ready, but that several members of his family were suddenly taken sick and he had to use a part of it, but that he would send it in "next week." The money has since come. These things, small in themselves, speak volumes in favor of the Negro race.

They utterly refute the Democratic theory that these men have come to Indiana for merely political purposes. Men of such scrupulous integrity in business transactions, would not deliberately lie about the causes that impelled them to leave their homes.—The *Leader*.

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NORFOLK NOTES.

Monday the 5th instant was a general holiday among our colored citezens, the occassion being the erection of a monument to "that Christian Hero" the Rev. Richard Parker, in Mt. Olive cemetery at Berkley. An oration was delivered by the Hon. R. G. L. Paige, and essays were read by Miss Martha Camp and Master R. Nelson, after-which brief and appropriate remarks were made by Bishop J. M. Brown and Rev. B. F. Lloyd, Rev. R. Spiller, Rev. J. E. Cook and Elder Wm. Lewis. The exercises were solemn and impressive. The monument is a beautiful marble shaft standing 15 feet high, on a press brick base two feet in height. This monument was erected by the St. John's A. M. E. Sabbath School as a token of their respect for "that distinguished Methodist Divine." Mr. Peter Sheppard Jr., Superintendent of the Sabbath School, deserves the highest compliments for his earnest and untiring efforts in procuring this monument.

Several of our leading young men in company with ladies, attended the Opera House last week and occupied reserved seats in the gallery; but Alas!

Rev. B. F. Lloyd pastor of the Bute St. A. M. E. Church preached his farewell sermon on Sunday evening last to a large congregation. Mr. Lloyd was recently appointed by the conference as presiding elder of the Richmond District. We regret very much to part with this intelligent and worthy christian gentleman, who during his short stay in our city has gained a host of admiring friends. We wish him success in his new field of labor.

At a recent fourth ward republican meeting, a prominent so called white republican offered a resolution that a committee of the leading republicans and readjusters, should hold a convention to arrange "a salt and peper ticket" for the coming municipal election (that is a mixture of colored and white men on the same ticket for the various city offices) this same man deliberately refused to have a "salt and pepper" parade about two month's since when it was in his sole power to have such.

Mr. Chas. S. Brown proprietor of the Virginia Gardens "the popular summer resort," opened the new addition on Monday last with a grand instrumental concert. OCCASIONAL.

It is not often that an attache of a newspaper commits matrimony, but when he does it you may be sure he does it like a man, and the darling of his choice is one for whom a score of fellows would just break their necks Now when we were told that one George L Jackson had taken out a license, we said "the Jackson family are cousins to the Johnsons and Smiths; and it is not our George. But when George presented himself to us a few days thereafter, the incident came up and he pleaded guilty. We might have known that something was the matter, for frequently names of states were omitted from the wrappers of our subscribers, wrong streets given &c. But it is all right now.

The interesting event came off—— evening. Miss Draper is the happy lady, the only surviving daughter and child of Rev. D. S. Draper of the A. M. E. Church.

May they both live long and prosper."

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Beecher's sermon last Sunday was heard by telephone in as many as fifty different places.

We have never known of a more practical manifestation of sympathy for the victim of an outrage, than the action of Marshall Douglass, James Wormley and a few others who made up a purse in order that Prof. Greener might go and remain at West Point pending the Whittaker investigation. These gentlemen have done this good work quietly, and possibly with no idea that any publicity would be made of the matter, but their patriotic action deserves publicity, and therefore we give it.

We acknowledge the receipt of a catalogue of the Michigan State University with the compliments of S. L. Cook of this city, who is a student in the department of medicine and surgery. This institution well deserves the reputation it wears as one of the best Universities in the country. Dr. Francis of this city graduated there. Mr. Barbosa who was not received as a medical student in one of the New York institution is also in attendance. There are five departments in colleges and 160 different courses of study. Tuition is absolutely free to all.

We understand that an opera company here composed entirely of colored performers is rehearsing several operas for the next season. Under thorough training they would, no doubt, create a sensation here and in other cities. It is a fact that after Pinafore was so acceptably rendered by the colored company last December, calls were received from as far north as New Haven and as far south as Lynchburg. There is nothing to hinder, it seems to us, the success (the financial success) of this present company, if they can "put on the boards" in an acceptable manner any of the standard Italian or English operas. Madam Selika, who has the advantage of conservatory instruction, and the benefit of some experience in the Italian opera, would be an invaluable addition to this troupe.

BAD READING.

The bane of the times is the trashy literature which is found in the hands of the young. If you watch a group of school children before a news-stand or in a stationery store, you will be perfectly amazed by their eagerness for, and familiarity with, the catch-penny and sensational newspapers published in our large cities. All their idle moments out of school are employed in poring over these papers; their minds are inflamed; they take up false notions of life; the influence of the school room and the instructions of the wise are neutralized, and their future promises either a blank or one of excess in crime.

Much of the increase of crime now in our larger cities can be traced to this course. To prevent this increase which is destroying the vitals of society we must remove its underlying cause.

Much as we boast of the freedom of the press, we must confess that this freedom must not be confounded with license to poison at the fountain-head the minds and morals of the community. With the same alacrity that we maintain the supremacy of the law we must put down those who for mere personal gain would infect the body politic with a deadly contagion.

Parents, guardians, teachers, should have a care as to what those under their charge read. To-day solid literature is as cheap as that which is pernicious. No one would think of feeding entirely on cakes and candies when breadstuffs are in abundance, or of buying tainted meat and decayed vegetables when sound food can be obtained at the same price.

The trashy literature of the day is as tainted meat, or as decayed vegetables. Shun it as you would the cholera.

PERSONAL.

—Islay Walden, the blind poet of Howard University in its better days, is now in Randolph County, North Carolina, preaching. He lately gave twenty-five dollars toward building his new church.

—Dr. Edward W. Blyden, the distinguished scholar of Liberia, Africa, objects to having the Negroes called the despised race, and dislikes to have Africa called the "Dark Continent." He believes that the only hope of the salvation and Christianization of the colored people lies in their colonization to Africa.

—Miss Lena Miller is endeavoring to bring the music in St. Luke's Church up to its late standard.

—F. G. Barbadoes has been delegated by the Sovereign Grand Lodge F. and A. Masons of California as its delegtae to the convention of Colored Grand Lodges to meet in this city next month.

—Rev. S. P. Smith, pastor of the Congregational Church, in Lincoln Mission, with the assistance of Calvin D. Johnson, is about to organize a choir.

—Henry W. Chandler, formerly a law student at Howard University is candidate for State Senator in the 19th District of Florida.. He has labored there faithfully and long, and he is entitled to the support of all good Republicans.

—Hon G. W. Williams, of Ohio was here on a flying trip en route to Georgia where he "proposes to invest in some profitable real estate." Mr. Williams looks remarkably well, and speaks hopefully of the outlook from a horman point of view.

—Joseph Cox, a prominent colored politician of Richmond died at Manchester last week Mr. Cox was a member of the Constitutional Convention and he has frequently held positions of trust ever since. He was a tall and somewhat imposing personage, a born leader, full of interesting reminiscences of antebellum days. During the regime of Hunnicutt, his influence and that of Lewis Lindsey was all powerful. To the end he retained much of this influence with a large class because of his manliness and moral courage, which commanded the respect of many who did not recognize or follow his leadership. "Requiescat in pace!"

BEECHER ON WHITTAKER.

There is another class of people among us, the 4,000,000 of emancipated people. By the blood of Christ redeemed, and by the blood of this nation redeemed again from slavery, a kinder, more sympathetic or more religiously enthusiastic people there never was in the world. I thank God that to a certain extent the heart of the churches has been toward them. there has existed a considerable degree of kindness; nevertheless this nation has not received these bondmen as freemen, and the spirit of caste has not been destroyed yet. If this nation has heard the thunder of war it has not yet travelled all the way down the Calvary. Is there so piteous a spectacle, in our time, as is shown in a fort in our neighborhood to-day? A young man of African descent, sent by the government to learn the duties of an officer, ruined and abused, cast, as it were, into the seat of a criminal and tried as if he were a culprit for disfiguring himself. Does not any man in his senses believe that if one of the white men's sons in that class to which he belongs had been found in a similar condition it would have been said at once that it was impossible for him to have tied his own feet and hands. It is without a shadow of proof and without a single fact that can cast a shadow of light upon it, with nothing in the world but a theory so miserable that three-quarters of the newspapers of the United States put their foot on it. God bless them for their charity and their religious feeling. (Loud applause.) There that African man stands to-day as the butt of all the hatred of the people among whom he is placed. Dr. Fulton went to see him—God bless him (applause)—in the hour of the young man's distress he took his two daughters and brought his beautiful girls to shake hands and speak with him, and said to the commander of the fort, "I want this African man to know that there are ladies born and bred who sympathize with him." In this very State of New York where churches swarm and touch each other this young man has been permitted to go through his three or four years study without receiving a solitary act of kindness from the two or three hundred cadets, or one word of sympathy. But he had received that which it was hardest to bear from any man, namely, insult and dignify.

He, who ought to have touched their Christian feelings, has been left as alone as if he were in the midst of the great salt lakes of the West or the barren plains of Sarhara. I do not lay any special blame upon the officers—they have acted as gentlemen—but what must have been his feelings when he found not one among these cadets would take him by the hand and say, "You're a fellow with me." Take the three or four years that he has been there, there has not been one with courage enough to say, "You're not alone." I scorn them for it is an inquity that should make every man's blood boil. I thank the newspapers for the part they have taken. I think they might have been more valiant, but still I think they have done well. (Applause.)

Do our times not give us abundant opportunity to let the world show what the Gospel is? One thing I can say to you, this thing is not going to live. If there ever was a time when this popular sentiment of the Christian North should demand the there should be sent more colored men there than ever before, it is now. We will have them there; they shall be there. (Applause). We have redeemed 4,000,000 men from bondage, we have called them by the sacred name of Christians, having received them into the body of citizens, and we will resist the devil and all his works, that attempts by caste and hatred to put them down. (Loud applause). They shall have a chance to study, they shall plead in our courts, they shall practise medicine, they shall be artists and they shall be officers, and if white men don't like it let those white men resign and go somewhere else. (Applause). In behalf of Him who gave His life to save sinners and in the behalf of God and Heaven I plead here to you, and through the press to the world, to rise up and manifest its indignation in this attempt to put down the Chinaman, the Indian and the black man, and to come forth to the rescue of the imperilled.

FROM THE OLD DOMINION.

STATES RIGHTS READJUSTERS.

The opinion rendered in the Rives' case by the Supreme Court of the United States defying the right of the State Judges to omit the names of qualified Negroes from the jury list was rendered just in time to relieve the newly elected Readjuster Judges of the responsibility of placing their allies in the jury box, and thereby bringing about a uniformity in the courts regarding this matter of jurors, not only in Virginia, but throughout the country. The Readjusters have cause to be glad as well as the Negroes that the Supreme Court settled this vexed question, the former because several of their judges were opposed to changing the procedure of the former judges and policy of the Conservative party, though it must be remembered that many of the old judges put Negroes on the jury against their party wish. The latter have reason to be glad that the matter is not fixed up by a mere party in power, but by the *Supreme* authority of the country, and does not depend upon the continuance of the Readjaster party in power for its maintenance.

All the new judges in Eastern Virginia except perhaps, Judge D. J. Godwin of the Norfol Corporation Court, favored this new policy of the Readjusters, but in the upper portion of the State several of the new judges signified their intention not to comply generally with the Mahone programme of wiping out all distinction on account of color. This uniform action of the judges, would indeed have placed the new party in rather a damaging light before their Negro allies, whose chief object in acting in concert was to be relieved of the discriminating Democratic policy Though the opinion of the court is now generally respected, its in the light which Judge Christian respects it, "of might and not right." The tenacity with which the Readjusters still cling to the heresy of States' rights under which theory the laws which oppressed the Negro were enacted, and enforced, may at least be seen by the vote upon the Henry Resolution in the State Senate. The resolution reads as follows, and fully explains itself:

"Be it resolved by the Senate of Virginia, the House of Delegates concurring, that our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be urged to procure the repeal of all laws of Congress which in any way tends to the exercise of powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, and especially of that act under which the late decision of the United States Supreme Court was rendered."

Mr. Henry is a Readjuster, he belongs to the party which now favors the wiping out of all distincsion based on color, and does it appear strange that he should offer this resolution seeking as it does the repeal of all the reconstruction acts and the amendments to the Constitution, and it is strange every Readjuster and every Funder voted for it, while every Republican voted against its passage—thus of of the 42 members, 22 voted for and 8 against its passage, and yet the Readjusters were in the majority. The questions which this fact present to the Negro are, can he support a party which denies the general government the right to enforce the principles upon which the government are founded? Can he sustain a party which denies the validity of the 13, 14 and 15 amendments because its leaders signify their intention to recognize their—the Negros—right to vote

Again, are rights guaranteed by State law as safe as when guaranteed by the United States laws? Until the Readjusters convention meets and adjourns, these questions for the Negro to consider. ESKIAM.

Virginia, *April* 21st, 1880.

[Our correspondent makes one mistake—Senator Henry is from the city of Richmond and is a Funder.]

CHEERING WORDS.

Amid all the obloquy heaped upon Cadet Whittaker by unsupported theories and insinuations, the sermons of J. D. Fulton and Henry Ward Beecher delivered last Sunday are indeed comforting. The former declares that but for the valor of the colored soldier West Point would not have the standing that it has to-day. He justly condemns the public sentiment in many which does not carry them to the colored Cadet and give assurance of personal sympathy for him in his present condition. He pleaded eloquently for Smith, the first colored Cadet, and asked that an opportunity be given him to return to West Point, not knowing that the bones of the unfortunate Cadet now lie moulding in mother dust wholly unconcerned about the turn of affairs in this mundane sphere.

Beecher went further than Fulton. He not only condemned the spirit which says to the sable son "stand thou afar off," but in defiance of this unAmerican spirit said it is the duty of the Nation to see to it that more colored Cadets are sent to West Point that they be allowed to graduate and to take their places as officers in the regular army. Furthermore that these white officers that did not like it might resign. This is very cheering. We doubt not that these gentlemen are both in earnest, but it is not at West Point alone that the spectre of caste throws its blighting shadow across the path of the colored youth: it is found in the Metropolis and doubtless in the hearts of some of the hearers if not personal friends of both these divines. Colored men are shut out of counting houses; colored women are denied positions as saleswomen, white mechanics in too many instances refuse to take colored apprentices or to work with colored journeymen.

In short in nearly every walk of life the Negro-American is made to drink the bitter draught. It may be recalled that this is a matter of condition, but we rejoin that opportunities afforded the average white youth are denied the colored lad. So long as this is so, so long at West Point, Annapolis or anywhere a representative American gathering is found, will the colored youth have a rough time of it.

The eloquence of the pulpit may denounce the electric of the press may expose and ridicule it; but to remedy the wrong the pulpit must not confine its rhetorical periods simply to a few isolated institutions of learning, but strike at every obstacle based on color in whatever avenue or avocation it is found.

J. D. BALTIMORE ON HEAT.

Mr. Baltimore certainly had one the best possible audiences for his maiden lecture in north Washington last Monday night. The audience was both appreciative and critical, and the general conviction was that the lecturer was thoroughly posted on the topic he had selected. He confined himself to enunciating the most salient properties of heat and illustrating them by experiments in which he was eminently successful. Much of the apparatus used was of Mr. Baltimore's own construction.

A short sketch of Mr. Baltimore may not be inappropriate here. Nearly ten years ago, with the aid of a shears and a few other simple instructments, he constructed, without previous instruction, a perfect model of a steam engine, now in the Museum of the Howard University. This he exhibited to Gen. then President Grant, who gave him an appointment as apprentice in the Navy Yard in this city. He subsequently went to Philadelphia, completed his instruction there as civil engineer, at the same time pursuing studies at the Franklin Institute in that city. He worked, after completing his apprenticeship, at Baldwin's Foundry and some other shops, though it was with very great difficulty that he received employments. Concluding that his duty was here at home, he returned, married and put out his sign as Mechanical Engineer, doing every thing in that line from the repair of a steam engine down to that of a sewing machine. Mr. Baltimore has never believed in steady advertising, thus it is that sometimes he has a good run of work and at other times he is "put to his trumps." He deserves steady employment and support. His place it *seems to us, is in the Patent Office* as an examiner.

Whatever else may be doubtful about the intention of the authors of our tariff laws, they undoubtedly meant to place on the free list all materials used in the manufacture of paper. It happened that pulp of wood, which is by far the most important element in the manufacture of paper used by the daily and weekly press of the country, was not specifically and by name exempted from duty. Under a Treasury decision which held that this verbal omission was fatal to the free admission of wood pulp, a few manufactures of that article have been able to impose an exorbitant tax on the general body of paper-makers, by whom it is of course shifted on the consumers, the newspaper publishers of the country, and the burden falls with special hardship on publishers outside of the great cities—we, are consequently, being impoverished so that a handful of monopolists may grow rich. The most powerful champion of these monopolists is Representative GARFIELD. Were his opposition to the bill withdrawn, the restoration of wood pulp to the free list, where it belongs, would be accomplished in a few days. While his opposition continues the monopolists are secure. Can Mr. GARFIELD afford to continue his support of a most odious and oppressive tax which brings in no revenue to the Government, but which interferes very decidedly with the dissemination of knowledge among the people?

EDUCATIONAL.

—The Seventh Anniversary of the Eureka Literary Society of Howard University takes place in the College Chapel on Friday evening, April 30th, at 8 o'clock. There will be essays, orations, declamations and music.

—Avery Institute, Charleston, South Carolina, is in a flourishing condition. The Rev. Temple Cutler says to the *American Missionary*, "If any of your readers doubt the capacity of these colored boys and girls, let them them come and see for themselves."

—The board of visitors to the Atlanta University gives that Institution a high moral and intellectual boom. The board says: The examination in this school are fairly conducted, and the methods mainly topical, supplemented by appropriated questions, which evince that the students have an intelligent comprehension of the subjects under consideration, whether the subject be reading, grammar, history, mathematics, the classics or other branches.

The Commencement Exercises of the Theological Department of Howard University will be held in the N. Y. Avenue Presbyterian Church, May 7th, at 7 1-2 o'clock, p. m. There will be addresses by members of the graduating class, and an address by Rev. Dr. Harrison, Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

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—A special from Bealton, Va., informs that an enthusiastic meeting was held there Monday to ratify the election of delegates to Staunton. There was a rousing meeting. Speeches were then made by John A. Seaton, H. H. Warring, W. C. Chase, J. W. Corbin and others.

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—The Fifth Baptist Sunday school is eparing for a May Festival.

—The A. M. E Zion Conference is indebted the Bishop, J. J. Clinton, the neat sum 2,379.80.

—The Fools' Errand is published Fords, Howard and Hulber, New ork.

—Ditson, the largest publisher of Music in e country, catalogues Millard's "Magnificat" mong the Easter Anthems.

—"Big Foot" Johnson rests quietly in cell. He is a white man and did no arm—only murdered an unoffending Ne-o.

—The grand reception benefit of the Color-Young Men's Christian Association at thel Hall, Tuesday evening next 27th will a pleasant affair.

—Societies and Churches desiring local no-es of their entertainments and other special ercises in order to ensure the same should nd complimentary tickets.

—The Mt. Zion Sunday school of George-own will give one of their interesting con-erts on Sunday evening, the 25th inst., t 7½ o'clock. All are invited.

☞ We call the attention of our correspon-dents and others to the notice at the head of our column a giving the days on which articles or publication should reach this office.

—The white compositors who struck on he New York "Witness" rather than ork with Negroes, have struck again. This time they strike to be reinstated.

—The concert spoken of in another place to e given by the Butler Singers at the 19th treet Baptist Church on the 26th inst., is ostponed for some future day. Full notice ill be given in these columns.

—The Young Mite Society of the Berean hurch gave a sociable at Mrs. Robert Thompson's Friday evening last week. Miss-s J. Stewart and Smalls sang solos, and Miss R. E. Coakley gave a select reading.

—The prayer and praise meetings of the C. Y. M. C. Association will *not* be held at Beth-l Hall on Sunday afternoon. The trustees av g refused to consider the request of the ss ation for use of the hall for this pur-ose.

—Poor Smothers has been convicted by jury of his peers. He is a Negro and his accuser a white woman—that of itself was sufficient (?) to convict him. Very tall olored men with side whiskers must be areful not to appear on the public streets fter night-fall.

—Mr. Jno. F. Waters the rising young rator of Georgetown will deliver a his-orical address in Union Wesley church on 3rd st. between L and M, Tuesday eve-ing April 27th. The reputation of the peaker will guarantee a crowded house. Admission 10 cent.

—The 18, 15, 14 puzzle had its day, and we ve now the "Pin Club," which is not quite oh a conundrum. The members of this b are meeting with flattering success in ny instances. The amount is so small t scarcely any one will refuse you a punch. cause is a good one, and should be en-aged.—*The Exodus*, (Kansas City, M

—The 19th St. Church Aid Society has ed the service of the famous Butler rs of Georgetown to give one of grand concerts at their church on y evening, April 26th. Madame A. yor, organist, Jno. F. Waters con-and J. C. Beckett manager. Ad-15 cents.

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—Among the changes made by the recent appointments in the Baltimore Conference of the A. M. E. church we note the following; Rev. G. W. Brodie goes to Annapolis, Rev. Daniel Draper to Easton, Joseph P. Shreeve to St. Paul's and in their stead, Rev. John W. Stevenson is appointed to Union Bethel and Jas. T. Morris to Georgetown. Rev. J. Nichols still remains at Mr. Pisgah. Rev. G. L. Watkins is transferred to the Virginia Conference and appointed to Norfolk.

—Who is the special agent in the Post Office department that Mrs. Lockwood went for on the ground that he had "a Negro offspring" which we understand he has agreed to support, rather than let the case run into court? The Free *Press* says: "If any one is curious enough to know the particulars, we can give names, dates and residences. We have been requested to say more, but owing to our extreme modesty we shall not extend our remarks at this time."

—A NEW MUSICAL ORGANIZATION has been effected by some of the members of the late St. Luke's P. E. choir and other gentlemen and ladies. It was organized at the residence of Mr. C. A. Fleetwood last Monday night. Mr. J. M. Hawkesworth was in the chair. A committee appointed on permanent organization, Miss Mary Nalle chairman, will report next Tuesday night. The initiation fee has been fixed at $2.00 with an annual assessment at $3.00. Candidates for admission will be required to sustain parts in quartettes in selections made without their knowledge by a committee of three. Mr. F. W. Widdows who has had a life time experience in musical affairs and organizations will be the conductor.

—The Washington Musical Association gave a pleasant entertainment at Bethel Hall on Friday evening the 16th inst. There was a good crowd but not too many for comfort. Good music, good dancing and pleasant conversation were the order of the evening. Of the persons present were, the Misses Emma and Lu Smith, Misses Johnson, Howard of Pennsylvania, Wilson, Brown, Jurix. Robinson, Lewis, Jones and Pindles. Messrs. Barbadoes, Dr. A. T. Augusta, Benjamin, J. H. S. Parker, J. W. Cromwell, J. F. N. Wilkinson, C. A. Fleetwood, C. A. Lemar, Carter Stewart, W. C. Chase and others. Let this popular association under the management of Mr. Lemar continue to give these pleasant sociables.

IN MEMORIAM.

THE COLORED KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HONOR THEIR DEPARTED COMRADES.

The members of Gethsemane Commandery, No. 3 K. T., assembled at Asbury M. E. Church, last Sabbath afternoon, to pay their last respect to the memory of Lambert Stewart and John Battle, deceased comrade.

The church was completely packed with a sympathizing audience. The church choir under Pr. f. Thos. P. Bell, and a number of additional voices, rendered music especially selected for the occasion. The members of the Commandery attended in uniform. Sir Knight Nathan Addison performed the duties of Master of Ceremonies which were commenced with an organ dirge, followed by the hymn, "Why should we start and fear to die." Rev. E. W. S. Peck delivered prayer, and after the anthem, "At death's call," the Master of Ceremonies said that in absence of Prof. R. T. Greener, who had been called suddenly to New York, he would ask Past Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Pennsylvania and Secretary General of the Supreme Grand Council of the Ancient and Accepted Order of Scottish Rite for the Southern and Western Jurisdiction of the United States, Sir Knight F. C. Revells, to pronounce the eulogy an their late comrade, Lambert Stewart. Mr. Revells, after referring to the customary ceremony of animations, of paying homage and respect to the illustrious dead—a custom which had come down to us,—dwelt especially upon the custom of the ancient Knights Templar in paying respect to their dead; referring particularly to the character of Jacques DeMolay as a Knights Templar and of the connections between symbolic and capitular Masonry, and the orders of the Temple and their origin in the Temple of Solomon; the different titles by which they have been known, and the persecutions of the Knight's Templar have endured, the Crusades and the many sanguinary battles which have been fought victoriously by the same. He then spoke of the order as being strictly a religious institution, and of the subject of this remark, Lambert Stewart, as being a consistent member of that department of Masonry. He went on to speak of his excellent qualities as a citizen and of his faithful discharge of his duties as such. He then made a forcible appeal to the Commandery to emulate the example of the deceased. In conclusion he spoke of the solemnity of the occasion and of its not being one of vain glory and outside show.

The choir then rendered a chant, "Beloved, it is well."

Past Eminent Grand Commander and present Grand Master of the District, Leonard C. Bailey, was called on to pronounce the eulogy of Commander John Battle. Mr. Bailey spoke of the energy, character, and the great good work of deceased during his long relations with the commandery, which he entered when he became twenty one years of age, and worked as all good men work, up to the time of his death.

The ceremonies closed with an anthem; "As for man," doxology and benediction. This was the first time in the history of the Order of Colored Knights Templar in the District; that eulogies have been pronounced.—National Republican.

Hillsdale.

The funeral of Miss Elizabeth Flood, who departed this life on Sunday April 18th, took place at the Bethlehem Baptist church on Tuesday April 20th, 1880 at 1:30 o'clock. The ceremonies were performed by the Rev. Henry Scott, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Gibbons of the Zion Baptist church.

The floral offerings were very handsome; an anchor was presented by the pupils of the eighth grade of school No. 8, teacher Miss S. L. Daffin, and a cross by the Bethlehem Baptist school of which Miss Flood was a worthy teacher. The music furnished by the school was beautiful and appropriate. A short sketch of his life was prepared by the Supt. C. W. Davis, and read by Mr. Hill. Her loss will be long felt by her friends and associates.

The Ira Aldridge Dramatic Club.

The above named club met on Tuesday evening and officers were elected as follows President, F. C. Revells, jr.,; vice president, Wm. Clarke; secretary, J. Osborn; assistant secretary, A. A. Syphax; treasurer, D. H. Stewart; manager, J. C. Strather; stage manager, S. K. Governs; custodian, Miss Ida Harris. Board of Directors: S. K. Governs, J. C. Strather and D. H. Stewart. This club which is fast growing in size and popularity was organized two years ago through the persistent efforts of Mr. Daniel H. Stewart. It was first known as the the "Dramatic and Historical Association." Last year the name was changed to Ira Aldridge Dramatic Club in honor of Ira Aldridge, the colored actor, who was so popular both here and abroad for his rare dramatic ability. On four occasions this club has presented in a most acceptable manner, "Pizarro," "The Just Retribution" and several selections from Shakespeare, and the members are deserving of all praise for the excellent manner in which their entertainments have been conducted.

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Remarkable Natural Eloquence by a Colored Man.

Looking over our Texas exchanges, in one of them, the Dallas Times, if we are not mistaken, are recited the details of a case that certainly presents some of the most remarkable features known in the history of jurisprudence in this country. This occurred at Waxahachie, during the last term of the Ellis County District court. A colored man was indicted for entering into a conspiracy to murder. He was brought to trial, the evidence was strong, and in spite of the good fight made in his defense by his attorney, he was convicted. A motion for a new trial was made, and the Judge, seeing that no error of law was made, and believing the evidence to be sufficient, promptly overruled the motion.

When the prisoners were brought in to be sentenced, this Negro was among them. When asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed on him, he said that anything he might say would have no weight with the court, as all the forms of law had been complied with, and he knew he must go to the penitentiary; but that he had something to say for the benefit of his colored friends, and with the permission of the court he would make a few remarks. The court told him he would listen. The Negro started off slowly, and deliberately reviewed the testimony, showing the inconsistencies of witnesses' statements, and then, carried away with the wrong one him, he burst forth in a strain of eloquence seldom heard.

When he sat down the judge said, "Sam, I I thought you guilty. I don't believe so now and will set aside the judgement overruling your motion for a new trial, and give you another chance." So eloquently had the Negro presented his case that the county attorney then dismissed the case, and the prisoner walked out of the court room a free man. This is the first case in Texas, at least, where a man brought up to be sentenced was ever turned loose. Every person present says that the effort was the finest one ever heard. The Negro is uneducated, and simply a common field hand.

The Social and Civil Institutions of America.

Dr. Loring is one of the very few Congressmen who finds time to attend to his official duties and at the same time entertain and instruct the many eager audiences who crowd to hear him. Monday night, 12 inst. he lectured at the Presbyterian Church on the above subject. The Social and Civil Institutions of this country he contrasted with those of European governments. Instead of being a phenomenon, he showed that they were a reality and the outgrowth of the principles brought over in the Mayflower and the development of the first instance in history of a free government created by the people. He dwelt upon the characteristic features of our Social and Civil Institutions, which are based upon civil equality, the dignity of labor, intelligence and public virtue, and title in fee rather than a feudal claims.

The lecturer had the happy faculty of interspersing his historical study with amusing and suggestive anecdotes, and in this way brought the subject to the conprehension of the simplest. It is certain that every new fact more than repaid for whatever of sacrifice they have made in attending this lecture.

—Last Monday evening, a number of lady friends gave an infor Leap Year entertainment to their gentlemen friends at Lenman's Building on New York avenue. Among those present we noticed: The Misses Emma and Lue Smith, Mamie Harris, Bessie Brown, Jennie Dowling, Virgie Smith and Venie Lewis. Mr. Shermonte Lewis and lady, Ephraim Jackson and lady, Thomas Kelly and lady, and Messrs. C. B. Smith, J. Wm. Cole, Burch and Lewis, of La., George Cook, Wm. Washington, E. A. Savoy, Governs, Harry Johnson and others whose names we fail to recall. Music and refreshments were furnished by the ladies and highly enjoyed by the gentlemen.

—The Oge Society a benificial organization elected the following named officers last Friday evening: President, Solomon J. Johnson; vice president, R. H. Nugent, secretary, J. A. Johnson, and treasurer, Wm. H. Harris. The constitution provides for a weekly allowance to sick members—a relief or sick committee—a fixed sum in the case of death, and a corporate seal, together with other general provisions associated with organizations of the above character. Meetings are held regularly the first Tuesday in each month and for the present at No, 1808 M street, n. w.

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